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MEMORANDUM FOR P/D - John Mosher
FROM: P/DH - Saul Gefter
SUBJECT: Afghan Media Project - GC Submission to DOJ

On Feb 18, 1987, GC John Lindburg submitted the Agency's position paper on AID's funding participation in the media project. Attached is a copy for your information. The basis for this submission was the Joe Morris draft letter to the Department of Justice which was to have been jointly signed by the AID General Counsel and the USIA GC. (I believe P/DH sent you a copy of the Morris draft previously.)

Subsequent to the departure of Joe Morris and Cliff White, AID declined to sign the joint letter. As a result, USIA is unilaterally submitting the document. The underlying premise, however, remains the same, i.e., that AID will agree to funding participation in the media project if the DOJ finds full and complete authority and authorization for AID to do so. However, in the event that DOJ finds otherwise, then the original agreement to jointly work towards legislative action, which would authorize other agencies to participate in the project, State (NEA-Dunbar may continue to play the role of a catalyst) would be undertaken.

Please let me know if you have any additional thoughts on the matter.

cc: P-C Horner/MSchneider

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